

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph **[0041]**, in its entirety, with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] Figure 13 presents a cross-sectional view, similar to figures 7 and 10, showing the cut tissue sample having been pushed into the sampling tube by the flexible push rod. Figure 14 presents a cross-sectional view showing multiple cut tissue samples having been pushed into the sampling tube by the flexible push rod.

Please insert the following new paragraph between paragraphs **[0047]** and **[0048]**:

[0047.1] Figure 20A presents a pictorial view of the cutter sleeve and cutter subassembly along with the specimen push rod.